# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3781
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PERSONS OF INDIAN ORIGIN
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of persons of Indian origin living abroad; and

(b) the number thereof country-wise?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) An estimated number of 1,80,42,580 persons of Indian origin are living abroad. In addition there are approximately another 15 lakhs people of Indian origin living in various parts of the world who or their ancestors have migrated to the country of residence from third country.

(b) Statement is enclosed.

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SIZE OF OVERSEAS INDIAN COMMUNITY : COUNTRY-WISE

| Country | PIOs | Indian citizens | Stateless | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Afghanistan | 500 | | 500 | |
| Algeria | 5 | 40 | | 45 |
| Andorra | | 200 | 200 | |
| Angola | 45 | 250 | | 295 |
| Argentina | 1,200 | 400 | | 1,600 |
| Armenia | | 200 | 200 | |
| Australia | 160,000 | 30,000 | | 190,000 |
| Austria | 3,005 | 8,940 | | 11,945 |
| Azerbaijan | | 250 | 250 | |
| Bahrain | | | Nil | 130,000 | 130,000 |
| Barbados | 2,100 | 100 | | 2,200 |
| Belarus | | 70 | 70 | |
| Belgium | | | Nil | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| Belize | 500 | | 500 | |
| Benin | 450 | | | 450 |
| Bhutan | | 1,500 | 1,500 | |
| Botswana | 3,000 | 6,000 | | 9,000 |
| Brazil | 1,500 | 400 | | 1,900 |
| Brunei | 500 | 7,000 | 100 | 7,600 |
| Bulgaria | | 20 | 20 | |
| Burundi | 300 | | 300 | |
| Cambodia | 150 | 150 | | 300 |
| Cameroon | 250 | | 250 | |
| Canada | 700,000 | 150,000 | 1,000 | 851,000 |
| Cape Verde | 4 | | 4 | |
| Chad | 125 | | 125 | |
| Chile | 39 | 611 | | 650 |
| China | 5 | 300 | | 305 |
| Colombia | 1 | 19 | | 20 |
| Comoros | 50 | | 50 | |
| Costa Rica | 1 | 15 | | 16 |
| Cote d`Ivoire | 30 | 270 | | 300 |
| Croatia | 10 | | 10 | |
| Cyprus | | 300 | 300 | |
| Czech Republic | 20 | 400 | | 420 |
| Denmark | 900 | 1,252 | | 2,152 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Djibouti | 280 | | 280 | |
| Dominica | 20 | | 20 | |
| Ecuador | 5 | | 5 | |
| Egypt | 40 | 1,350 | 1,390 | |
| Eritrea | 30 | 1,723 | 1,753 | |
| Ethiopia | 34 | 700 | 734 | |
| Fiji | 336,579 | 250 | 336,829 | |
| Finland | 410 | 750 | 10 | 1,170 |
| France | 55,000 | 10,000 | 65,000 | |
| G.Bissau | 25 | | 25 | |
| Gambia | 135 | | 135 | |
| Germany | 10,000 | 25,000 | 35,000 | |
| Ghana | 2,000 | 1,800 | 3,800 | |
| Greece | | 7,000 | 7,000 | |
| Guadeloupe | 40,000 | | 40,000 | |
| Guatemala | 22 | | 22 | |
| Guyana | 395,250 | 100 | 395,350 | |
| Hong Kong | 28,500 | 22,000 | 50,500 | |
| Indonesia | 50,000 | 5,000 | 55,000 | |
| Iran | | 800 | 800 | |
| Iraq | 50 | 60 | 110 | |
| Ireland | 600 | 1,000 | 1,600 | |
| Israel | 45,000 | 300 | 45,300 | |
| Italy | 36,000 | 35,500 | 71,500 | |
| Jamaica | 60,000 | 1,500 | 61,500 | |
| Japan | 1,000 | 9,000 | 10,000 | |
| Jordan | 30 | 900 | 930 | |
| Kazakhstan | | 1,127 | 1,127 | |
| Kenya | 85,000 | 15,000 | 2,500 | 102,500 |
| Korea(DPRK) | | 5 | 5 | |
| Korea(ROK) | 200 | 2,500 | 2,700 | |
| Kuwait | 1,000 | 294,000 | 295,000 | |
| Kyrgyzstan | 100 | | 100 | |
| Laos | 18 | 107 | 125 | |
| Lebanon | 25 | 11,000 | 11,025 | |
| Libya | 400 | 12,000 | 12,400 | |
| Lithuania | | 5 | 5 | |
| Madagascar | 25,000 | 3,000 | 1,000 | 29,000 |
| Malaysia | 1,600,000 | 15,000 | 50,000 | 1,665,000 |
| Maldives | 1 | 9,000 | 9,001 | |
| Mali | 20 | | 20 | |
| Mauritius | 704,640 | 11,116 | 715,756 | |
| Mexico | 400 | | 400 | |
| Mongolia | | 35 | 35 | |
| Morocco | 25 | 350 | 375 | |
| Mozambique | 20,000 | 870 | 20,870 | |
| Myanmar | 2,500,000 | 2,000 | 400,000 | 2,902,000 |
| Namibia | 32 | 78 | 110 | |
| Netherlands | 200,000 | 15,000 | 2,000 | 217,000 |
| New Zealand | 50,000 | 5,000 | 55,000 | |
| Nigeria | 8,000 | 17,000 | 25,000 | |
| Norway | | 5,630 | 5,630 | |
| Oman | 1,000 | 311,000 | 312,000 | |
| P. N. Guinea | | 1000 | 1000 | |
| Panama | 211 | 1,953 | 2,164 | |
| Peru | 10 | 135 | 145 | |
| Philippines | 24,000 | 2,000 | 12,000 | 38,000 |
| Poland | 75 | 750 | 825 | |
| Portugal | 65,000 | 5,000 | 70,000 | |
| Qatar | 1,000 | 130,000 | 131,000 | |
| Reunion Islands | 220,000 | 55 | 220,055 | |
| Romania | 2 | 489 | 491 | |
| Russia | 44 | 16,000 | 16,044 | |
| Saudi Arabia | | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | |
| Senegal | 13 | 8 | 21 | |
| Seychelles | 2,000 | 3,000 | 5,000 | |
| Singapore | 217,000 | 90,000 | 307,000 | |
| Slovakia | 100 | 100 | | |
| Solomon Islands | 20 | 20 | | |
| South Africa | 1,092,500 | 6,500 | 1,099,000 | |
| Spain | 16,000 | 13,000 | 29,000 | |
| St. Lucia | 200 | 200 | | |
| St.Vincent & the Grenadines | 160 | 160 | | |
| Sudan | 300 | 1,200 | 1,500 | |
| Suriname | 150,306 | 150 | 150,456 | |
| Sweden | 9,000 | 2,000 | 11,000 | |
| Switzerland | 8,400 | 4,800 | 300 | 13,500 |
| Syria | 1,800 | | 1,800 | |
| Taiwan | 1,800 | | 1,800 | |
| Tajikistan | | nil | 400 | 400 |
| Tanzania | 85,000 | 5,000 | 90,000 | |
| Thailand | 70,000 | 15,000 | 85,000 | |
| Trinidad & Tobago | 500,000 | 600 | 500,600 | |
| Tunisia | | 70 | 70 | |
| Turkey | 300 | 300 | | |

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| UAE | 50,000 | 900,000 | | 950,000 |
| Uganda | 7,000 | 5,000 | | 12,000 |
| UK | 1,200,000 | 1,000,000 | | 2,200,000 |
| Ukraine | | 3,400 | | 3,400 |
| USA | 1,678,765 | | | 1,678,765 |
| Uzbekistan | 40 | 650 | | 690 |
| Vanuatu | | 50 | | 50 |
| Venezuela | 400 | 280 | 10 | 690 |
| Vietnam | | 320 | | 320 |
| Yemen | 100,000 | 900 | | 100,900 |
| Zambia | 10,000 | 3,000 | | 13,000 |
| Zimbabwe | 15,500 | 1,200 | | 16,700 |
| | 12657702 | 4915958 | 468920 | 1,80,42,580 |